



Agenda
CLASSIS HAMILTON
of the CRCNA

October 24, 2023, 9:00 AM to no later than 4:30 PM

Hosted by Calvin CRC, Dundas
(420 Highway 5 West Dundas, Ontario L9H 5E2)

Officers of Classis: Chair: William Koopmans Vice Chair: Ben Ponsen Stated Clerk: Ed W. Visser	Synodical Deputies: (not required)
Reporter: Anthony Elenbaas (Immanuel, Hamilton)	Ballot Advisory Team: Host Church: Calvin, Dundas
Credentials Advisory Team: Hagersville Community (Chair) First Hamilton (Reporter)	Overture Advisory Team: Advice for Overture Advisory Teams

PRELIMINARIES

WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING

ORIENTATION: [FOR NEW DELEGATES](#) (Includes link to the Rules of Procedure)

CREDENTIALS and Due Dates:

1. Each **church** will fill in their [credentials here](#), **before October 3, 2023**. The credential form has **two sections**:
 - a. The **1ST** is for entering the **names and email addresses** of those you are **delegating** to Classis.
 - b. The **2ND** is for your answers & observations to the **"Questions Under Church Order Article 41"**.
(A copy of your submission will be emailed to you).
2. The **Stated Clerk forwards** the Article 41 questions and observations from the second section **to the Credentials Advisory Team**.
3. The **Credentials Advisory Team emails their report to** the Stated Clerk **by October 10, 2023**. Their report emailed by the Stated Clerk to all the delegates as early as with the Addendum.

GROWING AS A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

9:00 a.m.

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Devotions & Sharing of Ministry
3. Prayer for the Host Church

Vice Chair of Classis:
Calvin CRC, Dundas
Vice Chair

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

9:45 a.m.

4. **Call to Order & Instructions for the Day**
 - a. **Affirmation of the [Covenant of Office-Bearers](#).**
 - b. **Attendance Confirmed**
 - c. **Classis Declared Constituted**

Chair
Delegates
Stated Clerk
Chair

5. **Approval**
 - a. of **this Agenda**
 - b. of the **following Consent Agenda**

A consent agenda allows Classis to approve the items below together without the need for discussion or individual motions. Items may be removed from the consent agenda on the request of the delegates. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent agenda or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the Chair.

- a. **Approve:** [Classis Minutes of May 30, 2023](#) (Note: these minutes were reviewed by the CIC and the delegates who attended the meeting)
- b. **Classis' Ministries Reports Received:**
 - i. [McMaster University CR Campus Ministry](#)
 - ii. [Mohawk Solid Rock Campus Ministry](#)
- c. **Denominational Ministries Reports Received:**
 - i. [Diaconal Ministries Canada](#)
 - ii. [Transitional Executive Director - Letter](#)
 - iii. [Redeemer University](#)
 - iv. [World Renew](#)
 - v. [Historical Committee - Letter](#)
 - vi. [Resonate](#)
 - vii. [Calvin Theological Seminary BOT Highlights](#)
 - viii. [Canadian Advancement Report](#)
 - ix. [Disability Advocates in Classis Hamilton](#)

MINISTRY SESSION

10:00 a.m.

7. **CIC and Stated Clerk Reports** (on addendum)

- a. Items from **Classis Interim Committee Report** (CIC)
- b. Items from **Stated Clerk's Report** (if needed)

CIC Chair: Ken Benjamins
Stated Clerk: Ed W. Visser

8. **Classical Counsellor Reports:** (reporting only if needed)

10:15 a.m.

- a. Hagersville Community CRC - Ben Ponsen
- b. Bethel CRC - Anthony Elenbaas
- c. First CRC, Hamilton - Anthony Elenbaas
- d. New Street CRC - Cara DeHaan
- e. Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis - Jack Kerkhof

9. **Classis Ministry Team (CMT)** (reporting only if needed)

- a. Candidacy Committee - Hayden Regeling
- b. Campus Ministry Committee - Anthony Elenbaas
 - i. Mohawk College - Melissa Kuipers
 - ii. McMaster University - Michael Fallon
- c. Classical Home Missions Committee - Michael Bootsma

10. **Credentials Advisory Team Report**

First & Hagersville

11. **Report from the 2023 Delegates to Synod.**

Input from **Michael Bootsma, Cara DeHaan, Peter Bulthuis, and Eric Tisch**, (3-5 minutes)

12. **Presentation of the Proposed Budget for Classis Hamilton Ministries** Ben Ponsen
- a. [Classis Hamilton Proposed Budget](#)
 - b. [Classis Hamilton Ministry Shares from Churches](#)
 - c. [Classis Hamilton Ministry Shares Overview](#)
- Suggested Motion: That Classis adopt the proposed budget for Classis Hamilton Ministry for 2024*

(*times requested by presenters)

13. **COD, Canada Ministry Report.** (10 Minutes*) William Koopmans
14. **Church Visitors Report** (15 minutes*) Ken Benjamins
15. **Canadian National Gathering Report** (10 Minutes*) Cara DeHaan
16. **Resonate Local Missional Leader and SOCO** (20 Minutes*) Willemina Zwart
- 11:30 a.m.**

17. **Meadowlands Fellowship, CRC Ancaster** has established a new staff position, Pastor of Worship and Faith Formation, and will fill that role with a person to be ordained as a commissioned pastor.
- a. At the **May 30, 2023** meeting of Classis, the [Need and job description](#) was approved with the **concurrence of Synodical Deputies**
 - b. Meadowlands' Vote to call **Marja Fledderus** to be their Pastor of Worship and Faith Formation, carried.
 - c. At this meeting of Classis,
 - i. Preliminaries
 - (1) Materials received
 - (2) A report on the Learning Plan and Progress
 - ii. Examination of **Marja Fledderus** for ordination as Commissioned Pastor of Worship and Faith Formation at Meadowlands Fellowship CRC
 - (1) Introduction of the Candidate
 - (2) **EXAMINATION** (as per the Commissioned Pastors Handbook):
 - (a) Knowledge of scripture, Reformed doctrine & confessions ... Mark Verbruggen
 - (b) Practical matters regarding Christian testimony, walk of life, relationships with others, love for the church, approach to ministry, promotion of Christ's Kingdom ... Willemina Zwart
 - (3) **EXECUTIVE SESSION DECLARED** (delegates and office bearers remain)
 - (a) Motion: *that Classis approve Marja Fledderus for ordination as Commissioned Pastor with the Meadowlands Fellowship CRC*
 - (b) Discussion by delegates
 - (c) Prayer for Guidance
 - (d) Delegates VOTE by ballot
 - (4) **OPEN SESSION DECLARED**
 - iii. Chair presents the decision reached during Executive Session
 - iv. Presentation of Certificate

LUNCH BREAK**12:30 p.m.****DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRIES****1:15 p.m.**

18. **Greetings from Transitional Executive Director, Canada** (5 minutes*) Al Postma
19. **Resonate Global Missions** (20 minutes*) new Director, Kevin DeRaaf

20. **Redeemer University** (10 Minutes*) President, Dr. Zietsma
21. **Diaconal Ministries Canada** (10 minutes*) Karla Winham & Mark Vanderwees
22. **Director of Advancement** (Canada) (15 minutes*) Roshani Morton
23. **Introducing the new Thrive Agency** (30 Minutes*) Director Thrive Canada, Rev. Lesli van Milligen
24. **Upcoming Dates for Classis** (also see the Classis Calendar)
- a. 2024 Jan 16 Agenda Materials Due
 - b. 2024 Feb 13 Addendum Materials Due
 - c. **2024 Feb 24 Classis Meets at Faith CRC, Burlington** - ***Note, this is a Saturday*** (1st of 3)
25. **Adjournment**
- a. Closing Remarks & Prayer **Chair**
 - b. Adjournment Declared **Chair**
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Just Around the Corner

Hosting Classis

2024 May 28 - First Hamilton

2024 Oct 22 - Hagersville Community

2025 Feb 22 - Hope, Brantford, ***Note, this is a Saturday*** (2nd of 3)